



BORDER 2012: U.S.- MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

REGIONAL WORKGROUP INFORMATION SHEET

ARIZONA - SONORA

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*Rural road in Douglas,
Arizona/Agua Prieta, Sonora area*

EPA and SEMARNAT created the ten year Border 2012 Program in partnership with other federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Mexican Secretariat of Health, the ten border-state governments, and U.S. tribal governments. Border 2012 emphasizes a bottom-up approach, anticipating that local decision-making, priority-setting, and project implementation will best address environmental issues in the border region. Border 2012 has evolved from previous binational programs: the Integrated Border Environmental Plan and Border XXI.

Regional Workgroups are the foundation of Border 2012. They are geographically focused and emphasize regional public health and environmental issues. The Workgroups coordinate activities at the regional level and support the efforts of local Task Forces. Each Regional Workgroup has one state and one federal co-chair from each country. Four binational workgroups have been established in the following regions: California-Baja California, Arizona-Sonora, New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua, and Texas-Coahuila-Nuevo León-Tamaulipas.

This publication focuses on the Arizona-Sonora Regional Workgroup and the Task Forces created under this Workgroup. To learn more about the Border 2012 Program, visit the website at <http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder> or <http://www.semarnat.gob.mx/frontera2012>. ■

Regional Task Forces Identified

Under Border 2012, regional workgroups have the ability to create task forces to address specific regionally- and community-identified concerns, to implement site-specific projects, or to address issue-specific concerns. The Co-chairs of the Arizona/Sonora workgroup have identified five task forces for this region. These are:

1. Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Response

2. Water

3. Children's Environmental Health

4. Waste and Enforcement

5. Ambos Nogales Air Quality

The Task Forces are as representational as possible, including interested local communities, relevant, local, state, federal, and tribal governments; binational organizations; non-governmental and community based organizations; academic institutions; and the private sector as appropriate. In very limited cases regional task forces may restrict access to meetings when sensitive or enforcement confidential discussions are taking place.

For more information on the Task Forces of this region, please contact Lorena Lopez-Powers at 619-235-4768 or lopez-powers.lorena@epa.gov, or Edna Mendoza at 520-628-6710 or mendoza.edna@ev.state.az.us. ■

MISSION STATEMENT:

**"To protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region,
consistent with the principles of sustainable development."**

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